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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States exports of domestic merchandise from \$1,559.2 million in February to \$1,733.1 million in March, a gain of about 11 percent, was primarily the result of noticeable increases in exports of two of the five economic classes of commodities, finished manufactures and semimanufactures. March exports of domestic merchandise were about 20 percent higher than the March 1959 total of \$1,440.8 million. Included in these figures are data on M.S.P. (military) exports.

Excluding M.S.P. (military) shipments, the March export total amounted to \$1,615.9 million, an increase of about nine percent over the February total of \$1,480.3 million and about 19 percent over the March 1959 total of \$1,359.6 million.

A substantial part of the over-all increase in total exports of domestic merchandise from February to March was in exports of finished manufactures which rose sharply from \$875.9 to \$1,026.9 million. The bulk of this increase was accounted for by gains in exports of individual items included in this economic class as follows: aircraft, parts and accessories, from \$65.5 to \$133.5 million; construction, excavating, mining and related machinery, from \$56.6 to \$69.4 million; radio and television apparatus, from \$19.3 to \$25.2 million; ammunition, components and parts, from \$20.4 to \$25.0 million; commercial motor trucks and busses, from \$33.7 to \$38.0

million; steel mill manufactures, from \$11.4 to \$15.1 million; paper, and manufactures, from \$18.3 to \$21.0 million; and lubricating oil, from \$14.7 to \$17.1 million. Exports of semimanufactures rose from \$251.1 to \$283.2 million owing chiefly to increases in exports of wood pulp, from \$9.3 to \$15.1 million; plastics and resin materials, from \$19.9 to \$24.8 million; iron and steel plates, sheets, and strips, from \$13.6 to \$18.3 million; coal tar and other cyclic chemical products, from \$11.3 to \$15.1 million; industrial chemicals, from \$24.1 to \$27.4 million; and synthetic rubber, from \$17.5 to \$20.0 million.

During the period, small decreases were reported in exports of two of the three remaining economic classes of commodities, crude materials and crude foodstuffs. The decrease in exports of crude materials, from \$208.2 to \$201.2 million was due largely to a decline in exports of unmanufactured cotton, from \$106.6 to \$100.3 million. Exports of crude foodstuffs fell from \$130.7 to \$128.6 million as a decrease in exports of corn, from \$22.6 to \$19.6 million and lesser decreases in exports of most of the other individual items included in this economic class were partly offset by a rise in exports of wheat, from \$66.8 to \$72.4 million.

March exports of manufactured foodstuffs, valued at \$93.2 million were at approximately the same level as the February total of \$93.3 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be

estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued at \$100-\$499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. Effective with the statistics for January 1960, the previous sample ratio of 10 percent has been increased to a 50 percent sample for countries other than Canada with the 10 percent sample being retained for Canada. The estimated values are distributed among the individual commodity totals. For the 1960 export figures in this report, the probable variability due to sampling is less than \$50,000 or less than a trivial percentage which can be ignored. For periods prior to 1960, the probable variability due to sampling is less than \$50,000 or less than two percent of the individual totals shown. The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000. For further information regarding sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, January and June 1956, and the October-December 1959 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:

MARCH 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity	March 1960	February 1960	March 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Total.....value..	¹ 1,733.1	² 1,559.2	³ 1,440.8	⁴ 1,448.6	⁵ 1,477.3
Crude materials.....value..	201.2	208.2	134.0	159.5	178.2
Hides and skins, raw, except furs.....value..	6.9	7.9	5.0	5.2	4.6
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible.....1,000 lb..	157,331	142,049	109,105	120,904	92,427
value..	10.2	9.6	8.8	9.3	8.0
Oil seeds.....value..	17.3	19.4	12.0	26.4	18.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	27,754	25,452	33,219	38,801	40,191
value..	20.3	19.4	23.5	28.9	29.5
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 bales..	804	869	314	333	398
value..	100.3	106.6	36.3	37.7	55.1
Coal.....1,000 s.tons	2,237	2,230	2,933	3,251	4,381
value..	21.8	21.7	29.1	31.5	43.8
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	260	299	178	210	362
value..	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.6	1.2
All other crude materials.....value..	23.8	22.8	18.8	20.0	17.9
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	128.6	130.7	120.0	120.3	106.6
Corn.....1,000 bu..	14,806	16,661	13,525	18,250	14,986
value..	19.6	22.6	17.9	23.8	19.7
Wheat.....1,000 bu..	43,035	39,978	36,795	29,712	27,520
value..	72.4	66.8	64.8	51.0	47.5
Other grains.....value..	16.3	22.2	19.0	23.1	19.9
Vegetables, fresh or dried.....1,000 lb..	135,843	107,945	116,078	141,027	118,444
value..	6.5	5.9	6.4	7.9	6.1
Fruits, fresh or frozen.....1,000 lb..	115,869	104,612	100,220	125,300	110,949
value..	7.9	7.5	6.5	9.0	8.9
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.3
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	5.7	5.4	4.8	5.2	4.3
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	93.2	93.3	76.9	89.7	91.8
Meat and meat products.....1,000 lb..	32,684	32,147	23,816	29,244	19,702
value..	9.0	8.5	7.7	8.8	6.9
Lard.....1,000 lb..	55,506	50,260	41,910	50,347	32,404
value..	5.0	4.4	4.6	5.0	4.4
Dairy products.....1,000 lb..	37,708	22,498	26,780	40,548	40,495
value..	7.5	6.1	5.3	7.9	8.4
Fish, canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	3,454	5,277	7,693	5,670	3,437
value..	0.9	1.3	2.1	1.9	1.3
Milled rice.....1,000,000 lb..	176	188	131	125	103
value..	12.6	12.6	8.1	8.3	8.0
Wheat flour.....1,000 cwt..	3,563	2,658	1,538	2,236	2,259
value..	12.8	9.7	5.8	8.5	9.6
Vegetables, canned and prepared.....value..	4.1	3.9	3.0	3.4	3.6
Fruits, dried and evaporated.....1,000 lb..	12,459	17,879	8,251	11,654	16,305
value..	2.5	3.6	2.2	2.7	3.4
Canned fruits.....1,000 lb..	21,843	21,977	20,881	29,003	30,514
value..	3.3	3.4	3.4	4.4	4.7
Fruit juices, canned and frozen.....1,000 gal..	2,367	3,477	3,666	2,676	3,024
value..	3.1	4.4	4.6	3.6	3.9
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined.....1,000 lb..	38,879	56,847	31,715	57,600	66,807
value..	5.0	7.1	4.8	8.6	10.6
Sugar and related products.....value..	1.9	2.0	1.6	1.9	2.0
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	11.3	11.5	10.1	9.0	12.6
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	14.1	14.8	13.5	15.7	12.3
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	283.2	251.1	191.5	205.2	189.8
Leather.....value..	2.7	2.2	1.7	2.2	2.1
Synthetic rubber.....1,000 lb..	77,253	66,784	49,217	54,784	36,716
value..	20.0	17.5	12.5	14.2	9.8

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
MARCH 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	March 1960	February 1960	March 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶ —Continued					
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	5.1	6.3	3.6	3.7	3.0
Vegetable oils and fats, crude.....1,000 lb..	63,798	85,147	38,476	72,440	28,801
.....value..	6.1	8.6	4.1	8.0	3.5
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	32,453	31,845	28,750	29,090	24,573
.....value..	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.2	3.8
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	12,359	11,834	13,104	12,244	9,392
.....value..	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	14,356	13,362	10,607	12,014	9,105
.....value..	10.9	11.3	8.1	9.2	7.1
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd.ft..	71,578	60,041	86,748	65,606	60,626
.....value..	8.9	7.2	6.8	7.5	6.5
Wood pulp.....1,000 s.tons..	112	70	48	54	43
.....value..	15.1	9.3	7.5	7.9	6.5
Fuel oil, distillate and residual.....1,000 bbl..	2,725	2,756	3,794	2,833	3,325
.....value..	7.0	7.3	10.0	7.7	9.8
Sulfur.....1,000 l.tons..	128	108	88	134	131
.....value..	3.1	2.6	2.2	3.3	3.3
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	1.0	1.3	0.2	0.4	1.3
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	14,224	14,798	12,033	11,182	20,516
.....value..	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	2.0
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	136,375	109,408	118,981	83,486	157,053
.....value..	18.3	13.6	12.9	9.9	15.0
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	94,366	84,151	87,078	76,642	82,386
.....value..	7.5	6.8	6.8	6.1	6.5
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	21.5	18.6	11.1	15.7	10.3
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	16.5	22.2	2.2	6.4	3.6
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	16.7	14.2	11.7	8.4	16.9
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	15.1	11.3	8.0	8.7	8.4
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	68,567	54,286	53,050	57,839	46,971
.....value..	24.8	19.9	19.7	21.5	17.4
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	27.4	24.1	19.7	21.2	17.9
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	57,634	48,732	57,461	55,824	52,048
.....value..	5.9	4.9	5.6	5.6	5.1
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials.....1,000 lb..	72,904	49,820	166,601	112,061	105,897
.....value..	2.7	1.7	3.7	3.0	2.9
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	738.7	732.5	725.9	727.3	725.3
Finished manufactures.....value..	1,026.9	875.9	918.4	873.9	910.8
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	125	125	92	92	102
.....value..	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.7
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	9.4	9.0	8.6	8.1	7.8
Cigarettes.....millions..	1,573	1,490	1,478	1,631	1,506
.....value..	6.8	6.4	6.4	7.0	6.4
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	0.9	0.7	1.9	0.8	0.7
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq.yd..	⁸ 41,812	⁸ 38,538	⁸ 41,476	⁸ 39,357	⁸ 41,744
.....value..	12.6	12.8	11.8	10.7	11.3
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	10.0	8.1	8.4	7.9	8.1
Wool manufactures.....value..	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	14.4	13.6	13.3	12.9	12.4
Other textile manufactures.....value..	6.4	5.7	5.2	5.4	4.8
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6
Paper and manufactures.....value..	21.0	18.3	18.8	19.5	18.3
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	6.4	4.2	6.5	8.1	11.0
Lubricating oil.....value..	17.1	14.7	14.9	15.2	15.5
Glass and products.....value..	6.9	6.8	7.1	7.0	6.6
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	15.1	11.4	18.0	11.3	19.9
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	36.9	34.6	40.3	37.1	40.0
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	28,294	24,696	35,278	28,871	32,383
.....value..	4.9	3.9	5.6	4.5	4.9
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	25.2	19.3	23.0	21.0	23.3
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	57.1	50.3	52.4	54.0	56.8
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	20.8	17.7	19.5	20.6	19.2
Construction, excavating, mining and related machinery.....value..	69.4	56.6	59.8	57.5	58.1
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	13.8	13.7	12.8	12.8	14.5
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	12.4	13.2	14.4	13.2	13.8
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	12.3	13.7	7.6	9.0	7.9
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	86.1	73.4	71.4	70.8	75.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Economic class and commodity

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Finished manufactures—Continued						
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....	value..	14.8	15.9	10.5	12.1	11.1
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....	value..	15.0	12.6	14.1	12.0	10.3
Tractors.....	number..	9,347	9,582	6,837	5,313	4,183
	value..	22.1	21.6	20.1	17.7	15.8
Tractor parts and accessories.....	value..	12.1	14.1	11.6	11.9	10.1
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....	number..	18,479	15,956	20,457	13,495	12,322
	value..	38.0	33.7	33.4	26.7	24.7
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....	number..	12,205	12,806	10,235	8,699	10,203
	value..	23.9	25.6	21.7	18.3	21.6
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....	value..	51.2	49.2	48.7	44.4	39.3
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....	value..	7.4	9.5	9.8	9.6	9.1
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....	value..	133.5	65.5	62.6	64.1	81.0
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....	number..	2	2	9	11	11
	value..	0.3	0.2	31.6	7.5	6.3
Railway transportation equipment.....	value..	10.5	10.1	9.7	8.6	17.4
Antibiotics.....	value..	6.4	4.5	6.0	5.7	5.5
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....	value..	16.7	16.2	17.7	17.9	17.7
Soap and toilet preparations.....	value..	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....	value..	1.3	1.3	1.5	2.4	6.4
Ammunition, components and parts.....	value..	25.0	20.4	9.2	16.7	15.6
Special Category Type 1 ⁶	value..	32.5	33.1	48.1	46.8	42.2
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶	value..	140.1	125.7	9126.1	127.7	9121.0

¹Includes \$117.2 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$62.4 million to Western Europe). ²Includes \$78.9 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$39.3 million to western Europe). ³Includes \$81.2 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$39.6 million to Western Europe). ⁴Includes \$102.3 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$54.9 million to Western Europe). ⁵Includes \$128.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$58.6 million to Western Europe). ⁶See the April 1958 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for explanation of Special Categories and list of commodities included. ⁷For security reasons, data on exports of all forms of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590) are excluded from export statistics. ⁸Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and B number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound. ⁹Figures are revised to correct erroneous inclusion of data for Schedule B commodity number 79080 (Commercial maintenance and repair trucks, new) in the totals for "All other finished manufactures" rather than "Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks, new" in the issues of Report No. FT 930-E for periods prior to January 1960.